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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Slavic)
Countries:	Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia, Latvia and other neighboring post-Soviet states, and Russian diaspora
Number of speakers:	150 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) mal'čik i mužčina begut
boy.SG and man.SG run.3PL
'The boy and the man run.'
- (2) a. mal'čik i mužčina begut
boy.PL and man.SG run.3PL
'The boys and the man run.'
- b. mal'čik i mužčiny begut
boy.SG and man.PL run.3PL
'The boy and the men run.'

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: With two singular conjuncts, the verb is singular. If the two conjuncts mismatch in number, number is resolved to plural.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	sg	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (3) mal'čik ili mužčina bežit
boy.SG or man.SG run.3SG
'The boy or the man run.'
- (4) a. mal'čiki ili mužčina begut
boy.PL or man.SG run.3PL
'The boys or the man run.'
- b. mal'čik ili mužčiny begut
boy.SG or man.PL run.3PL
'The boy or the men run.'

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “or”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: There is closest conjunct agreement.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		2sg	3pl
2	1sg		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (5) a. ty ili ja begu
You.2SG or I.1SG run.1SG
'You or I run.'
- b. ja ili ty bežiš
I.1SG or you.2SG run.2SG
'I or you run.'
- (6) a. my ili oni begut
We.1PL or they.3PL run.3PL
'We or they run.'
- b. oni ili my bežim
They.3PL or we.1PL run.1PL
'They or we run.'